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SUBJECT: REVISION OF MINE AGREEMENTS

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1. ACHESON CONFIRMS GRZ 22 MILLION KWACHA COMPENSATION OFFER TO AMAX AND LATTER'S REJECTION OF IT AS MUCH TOO LOW. NOT CLEAR WHEN FURTHER TALKS ON COMPENSATION WILL BE HELD. ACHESON PRESUMES COMPENSATION PAYMENT, WHEN FIGURE AGREED, WILL BE MADE AS IN ANGLO CASE OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD IN QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS.

2. SO FAR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED ON ZAMBIAN SIDE BY MIN MINES AND INDUSTRY PERM SEC PATRICK CHIWENDA. AMAX HAS YET TO MEET WITH DESIGNATED NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MADE UP OF KASHITA, CHIKWANDA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SILUNGWE. CHIWENDA, WHOM ACHESON SAYS LACKS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY AND KNOWLEDGE TO HANDLE COMPLICATED

ISSUES, WAS NEGOTIATOR EVEN WHEN AMAX ZAMBIA CHIEF EXECUTIVE VUILLEQUEZ CAME TO LUSAKA AUGUST 7-14 GRZ INDICATED IT WISHED PRESS AHEAD MORE URGENTLY WITH TALKS.

3. KASHITA TOLD ACHESON LAST WEEK HE CONSIDERING TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION QUESTION AT AMAX HEADQUARTERS BUT SUCH VISIT PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL MID-OCTOBER.

4. MEANWHILE, AMAX-GRZ NEGOTIATION OF OTHER MATTERS TO CONTINUE HERE AND IN LONDON.

5. ACHESON DEPARTS LUSAKA AUGUST 21 FOR NEW AMAX POSITION IN LONDON BUT EXPECTS MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS TO LUSAKA UNTIL CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED. NELSON

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